NEVADA COPPER.

The copper interest is looking up somewhat on the Pacific Coast. The recent sharp advance in the price of the metal has caused renewed interest to be taken in many mines that have laid idle for years. Nevada is known to contain many first-class copper mines. In Esmeralda county, notably, there are very many copper mines, some fully prospected and opened ready for producing the metal, and others in such condition that very little capital will place them in shape to be worked profitably, in the old Santa Fe district, near Luning, on the line of the Carson and Colorado railroad, there are actually mountains of copper that need only a little money and labor expended upon them in order to make them produce wonderfully. Around Hawthorne there have been some new copper mines recently found which bid fair to produce in paying quantities. The Ludwig mine, in Mason Valley, has produced tons upon tons of copper, and it has not been fairly prospected yet. In many places in Nye county vast lodes of copper lie unnoticed; but that regien is so far from railroad communication that they have been concidered worthless. However, the building of the Southern Nevada railway through that now remote region, will bring those mines into notice and make them valuable. In the Northern part of Washoe county copper has been found in large quantities, and with the coming Spring, and when the reduction works here will be ready to handle that class of ore, the mines of that section will have an opportunity, never before offerred, to have its ore reduced so close to the place of extraction that all the returns will not be eaten up by the high freight charged on long shipments. In short, if the price of the copper remains as strong as quoted at present, there is no doubt but this State will eee a very profitable year in copper mining.—Gazette.

CHANCE.

The latest news from Washington encourages the hope that the recommendations of Director Kimpall concerning the dismantling of the Carson Mint will not be adopted, nor should they be.

The Mint at Carson is worth a great deal of money to Nevada in more ways than one. In the first place it gives quick returns to all struggling mine-owners. A miner on the Comstock or in Silver City can load his bullion on a buckboard in the morning, take it to the Mint. have it refined the same day, get his gold pieces for his gold bullion, reload his silver bricks and be home again before night

In the second place, as was explained in the Enterprise a few days ago, the new ore-producing mines on the Comstock are anxious to send all their bullion to Carson for treatment, in order to save heavy express charges to and from San Francisco, which consume a vast deal of the profits of stockholders.

In the next place, to dismantle the Mint at a time when Nevada shows positive signs of once again taking her place at the head of bullion-producing States would be an act of gross injustice to us, and one of infinite folly on the part of the Government toward its best interests.

The Lapanta mine at Hawthorne sent a gold bar worth \$15,000 to the Mint last week for refinement. It would have been paid for in gold coin by Major Garrard the next day if the owners had so desired. Sent to San Francisco for treatment no return could have possibly been received under two weeks, and in the great majority of the cases twenty days are required.

The vast increase in the business of the Mint during the last six weeks of 1887, the building of two new mills on the Comstock, which intend to deposit their product at Crrson, and the bright prospects in all outlying camps, render the dismantling of the Mint-if the scheme should succeed-a blow at every miner in Mevada. - Enterprise.

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